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If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN.

CHAPTER 1.

In testimony of John, the Evangelist, and of the testimony of John, the Evangelist, Peter, etc.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing that was made.

In him was life; and the life was in him, and the light shineth in darkness.

And the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness, that he might witness of the Light, that all might believe through him.

He was not that Light, but he came to witness of that Light, that all might believe through him.

And the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, was with us, and we saw him, and we witness of him, that he is the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

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Readers' Response

To the editor:

I usually enjoy all the articles in the *Evangel*, however, I was much dismayed to find a man with such a high rank as you speaking against emotion in religion. I refer to the May 29 issue of the *Evangel*.

Just as life without emotion would make us nothing more than a mere robot, so religion without emotion would be a dead religion.

Emotion isn't everything but it goes along with our Pentecostal experience.

—LUCILLE BOLEY

Urbana, Ill.

(The editorial referred to was "Emotion Is Emphasized Above Decision," part three in the series, "Why Men Go Back." It was not intended to discourage emotion, but to encourage balancing emotions with decision and determination.—Editor)

To the editor:

Praise God for the *Church of God Evangel*. They are again coming to our home and are a real blessing to the family and to the students as well. For almost a year we did not receive the *Evangel* and *The Lighted Pathway*, and how we missed it and longed to read the past issues.

I am reading the *Evangel* from cover to cover, and I really enjoy reading every article. Not only do I enjoy it, but I also receive spiritual nourishment and intellectual helps from the exposition of God's Holy Word. The testimonies and revival reports are a great encouragement to us to keep the Pentecostal fire in our ministry, in our church, and in our home.

The editorial messages are very inspiring, encouraging and instructive.

—F. F. CORTEZ

Missionary, Philippines

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CAN A CHRISTIAN BE DEMON POSSESSED?

THIS IS AN INSTANCE of truth being pushed too far. As was pointed out last week, only recently has demon possession come to be recognized as a reality by modern minds. The doctrine has been greatly revived in our generation because only demonic power can account for the evil and depravity all about us. Because naturalism and psychology have failed to explain or even to understand many of the conditions that plague mankind today, the Biblical teaching of demon possession has been widely re-examined and accepted. Demon power alone can account for much of today's evil and misery.

The Present Danger

With this truth having been re-established, there is now danger of pushing truth too far by branding too much as demon possession. There is a danger of pushing back into the Middle Ages of fear and superstition.

One of today's most dangerous suggestions is that even a child of God may be possessed by a demon. Those who teach this are usually overzealous in establishing the reality and prevalence of demon power. Their motive may not be bad; but they do not stop to think what terrible damage they may do, what fear they may create, or of what glory they rob God.

Ordinarily it is pointed out that a demon cannot possess a Christian's soul or his heart, but only his body. I maintain on the authority of God's holy Word that a demon cannot possess a Christian's spirit, soul or body. The idea that a demon may dwell in a Christian's body rises from still another error—that all sickness or disease is demon possession.

Sickness and Demons

Some sicknesses are caused by demonic power—but not all. If they were, then Jesus would have done all His healing by casting out the demon that caused them. But He didn't. Mark 1:34 states, "And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils." Note that He did not heal by casting out devils. The act of healing and the act of casting out devils are clearly separated.

Because some sicknesses were caused by demon possession and some were not, Jesus had to discern between demonic and natural maladies.

In Matthew 12:22 we read of a man who had a demon of blindness. In order to heal him Jesus had to cast out the devil that caused the blindness. Now note another blind man (John 9:1-7) whom Jesus

healed by anointing his eyes with an ointment of clay and spittle. Thus, we have two blind men—one made blind by a demon and one born blind; one was healed by casting out the demon, and one was healed by anointing with spittle and washing with water. The effect of their blindness was the same—they could not see—but the cause was different. Jesus had to discern between the two. The undiscerning observer could not have noted any difference between them. The same will apply to deafness, dumbness, cancer, epilepsy, or any other sickness. The Scriptures are very careful in pointing out when sickness was caused by a demon, and very careful in distinguishing between simple healing and the exorcising of a devil.

Some sicknesses—most sicknesses—are caused by a violation of nature's laws. If I should stand barefooted in the snow and catch pneumonia, would a demon possess me simply because I had no shoes? and could penicillin or hot lemonade drive him out? Such a thought is ridiculous.

If I were to fall off a ladder and break my arm, would a devil come in simply because gravity drew me to the ground? and would the demon leave after my bones knit together again? Ridiculous, is it not? Such a thought makes demon power and divine power fickle and capricious. In both instances the affliction would have resulted from a transgression of nature's law.

Christians and Demons

No child of God can be demon possessed, in spirit, soul or body. He may be blind, but it will be a natural affliction and not a demon. It may look no different from the blindness caused by demon possession, but it is different. Healing is what he needs—not to have a devil cast out of him. No demon is or can be in a genuine Christian.

When Moses put his hand into his bosom (Exodus 4:6) and contracted leprosy "white as snow" (which means it was an advanced and severe case), was he possessed by a demon? No, not even for a moment. None would deny, however, that he for that moment had a severe and terrible affliction of leprosy.

Possession involves ownership. What we possess, we own. What a demon possesses, he owns. To be demon possessed, even in body, means that the demon owns the body. What a horrible, unreasonable and anti-scriptural suggestion. The body of a child of God is the temple of the Holy Ghost; it is God-owned, God-

WHEN YOU COME TO THE END OF THE DAY . . .

How often did your good deeds out number your careless actions, the cross words, your lack of being an example to others? How often did your smiles out number your frowns; your wisdom outweigh your foolishness?

How often did you show forth love instead of hate—kindness instead of cruelty?

How often did you smile and forgive instead of seeking vengeance, or understand instead of becoming angry?

How often did you forget self and prefer your brother?

How often did you say "I'm sorry" instead of making excuses?

Can you look back and find your fault, or will you overlook them by your own vanity . . . when you come to the end of the day.

—Miss Jerri Johnson
Cincinnati 39, Ohio

possessed, God-occupied and in every way totally His. Paul makes this emphatic in 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

The terrible suggestion that a Christian's body can be demon possessed is not an accusation against the Christian but against the Lord. It shames His love and reviles His power. It suggests that He will share a Christian with the devil; like duplex tenants, He will possess the spirit while the devil occupies the body. It is not so. God knocks at the door of our lives; when we open the door and let Him in, He sups, or dines in fellowship, with us, and we with Him (Revelation 3:20). The devil cannot have any part with this holy communion.

If he could have, it would make God a liar when His Word has said, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). It would make vile mockery of God's Word. "And what concord hath Christ with Belial? . . . And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (2 Corinthians 6:15, 16).

If demons can break through the bloodline of Christ to possess the bodies of the redeemed of Christ, then demons are more powerful than He. This is a dangerous belief, for it tears away our foundation of hope.

I belong to God. I am His property—spirit, soul and body. Any demonic power that would possess me must contend with the One who possesses me. I am no longer my own, for I have been bought with a price—the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. No demon has power to violate that divine possession.

An unconverted church member cannot have that assurance, no matter how morally good he may be. His condition is described in Matthew 12:43-45. Because of the person's self-reformation, the devil may leave him for a season. Note that the demon goes out of the man instead of being cast out. If he had been driven out, then the power that cast him out would certainly be able to keep him out; but it was not so. The demon retained possession of the man so that even while he was gone out of him he referred to the man as "my house."

But the Christian is God's house. He has not been merely swept and garnished, but he is washed by the blood of the Lamb. The devil has been cast out and has not merely gone out for a season. A Christian man is not empty as was the man of Matthew 12; but abiding in him are the God of heaven, the Christ of Calvary, and the Holy Ghost of eternity.

We who are Christians need have no doubt, or dread, or fear. We belong to God—spirit, soul and body.

Charles W. Cunn

When You Talk to Yourself

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord," Ephesians 5:19.

By William J. Dobben

WE SPEAK WITH OUR hearts. Sound falls from our lips; but conversation springs from the thoughts with which we have filled our hearts. Individual sentences may be forced, misleading, assumed, or deceitful; but not habitual conversation. What we say to others will finally reveal the true treasures of our hearts. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34).

This was Paul's subject. "Be not drunk with wine," he said. "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." In this, Paul described the truly spiritual man, the man whose abundant filling is with the Spirit of God. In doing so, he disclosed the difference between the person filled with God's Spirit and the one filled with the intoxicants of the world.

Paul's message is one of real concern to the Pentecostal believer. As partakers of Pentecost, we should demonstrate the marks of Spirit-filled believers. We

may feel that we already do. Having tasted of the external, initial, and phenomenal signs of Baptism in the Spirit, we may sense a glow of attainment. We may be subtly tempted to set our standards by our personal inventories rather than by His "riches in glory by Christ Jesus." So, while our worship is marked by spiritual demonstration, our everyday living may be strangely devoid of spiritual power.

If such a lack of power is found, the cause may well be discovered by looking to our speech. Christ declared that the mouth speaks from the heart's abundance. As the water of the stream reveals the sickness of the fountain, the words of our lips will disclose the ills of our hearts. The standard against which God would have us measure the spirituality of our conversation is found in Paul's words: "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs."

How impractical this formula seems! Can it ever be applied to everyday speech? Did Paul, after all, write as an idealist in an ivory tower? Had he lost touch with reality?

Hardly. Paul was a theologian unmatched in the history of the Christian church. He was the outstanding scholar of his own generation. He was the eloquent preacher of Mars' Hill. But he was also a tentmaker; and he never lost sight of the canvas and the needle of everyday living. He had not done so when he penned these words.

What at a glance would seem impractical is in two words made the heritage of every Spirit-filled saint. Those two important words are "to yourselves." "Speaking to yourselves," he said. Elsewhere we are told that our speech in the world is to be pure, sober, attractive, apt, and wise. In this verse, however, Paul was referring to the conversation of the "called out ones." He was speaking of the language of spiritual sojourners, of fellow citizens of a heavenly country. The speech of which he was writing was the outflowing of their personal devotion and the subject of their common interest.

In addition to this conversation of the saints, Paul made reference to another wonderful thing. The Spirit-filled could also have poetry and song of the heart. How happy are the words of his description! "Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Far more than a daily devotional, this is daily devotion. A song of love and praise, Paul assured his readers, was the heritage of every heart that is abundantly filled by the Spirit.

This may serve to illustrate this wonderful truth. Recall with me the first time that you fell in love. You felt so tall that it seemed that your head and heart were in the clouds. A single smile from that special person made your heart beat faster; you wondered if your chest could possibly contain its happiness. Suddenly you became a poet. It may not have rhymed; but you talked in the terms of a poet. You were thinking with your heart. No words could quite express the big, magnificent, and beautiful emotions that welled up within you. You were not unlike the lad who wrote: "I'd climb the highest mountain; I'd swim the deepest

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A WORD

By O. W. Polen

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HAVE YOU EVER stopped to think just how important and how powerful a word is? Actually, a word has immense value. A word can "crush." A word can be "so sharp as to pierce and cut." A word can be "so bright that it does away with a dark situation." A word can "console and bring comfort." A word can "cheer and bring happiness." A word can "discourage." A word can mean the difference between spiritual life and spiritual death, and that word is "believe."

It has been said that "kind words cost little," but that is not always the case. "Kind" words cost time, care, consideration and sympathy on the part of the person who speaks them. Everyone likes to hear words that show him which way to go when in trouble or in doubt. We like to hear words that comfort us when we are in sorrow. We like to hear words that strengthen us when we are weak in faith and sick in body. We like words that "calm" us when we are troubled and upset within, words that help us when we are disappointed, words that give us hope, even in the face of death.

Fitly-Spoken Words

How can we learn to speak "fitly-spoken words?" "Fitly-spoken" words can come only from one kind of person—a person with a special kind of heart. They come from a true heart—a heart that is true and loyal to God. Before our words can be fitly spoken, the heart from which they come must be right with God. Fitly-spoken words must

also come from a kind heart. When our hearts are filled with God's love, pity and sympathy, the right words cannot help but issue from our mouths.

An "Idle Word"

The Bible also speaks of an "idle word." "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36).

We think in words. We cannot think without them. Even though we do not always speak them, we think them. You and I can build people spiritually with our words, or we can, by talking, hinder them in their worship. If steam is skillfully used, it will set a factory in motion; but, if that steam is mismanaged or misused, it can blow up a factory and wreck it. The same is true of the words we speak. *Words can build people or wreck them.*

The Scripture states, "by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Wicked words will pass in review at the judgment—words that perhaps some people will have forgot they ever said, or words that were said in private or in secret and perhaps they think no one knows about them.

What are idle words? "Words that do not glorify Jesus Christ." Say nothing that you cannot say in the presence of Christ. Do you know that we say much that we have not really thought? We often speak first and think later. These could be called "idle words," and although they do not express our

real selves, they often cause real damage. Have you ever heard someone say, in an effort to excuse someone, "He did not really mean that. He is not feeling well," or "This has been an unusually hard day for that person?" But, then we also hear the expression, "Well, whether he meant it or not, he said it, and it hurt me." The damage was done. Words often pass from our lips and tongues, and often we forget them the moment after they are spoken, but sometimes they are like scorpion stings to those who hear them; and these words, unless forgiven, will meet us in the judgment.

A Word Spoken in Due Season

The Bible tells us of "a word spoken in due season." "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Proverbs 15:23).

What is a "word spoken in due season"? It is the "right word" spoken at the right time! It may not always be the word that is sought and asked for. It might well be an unwelcome word, a word of rebuke or correction. What could be more seasonable than to cry "stop" to someone who is about to fall over a cliff? The person does not expect to hear the word, and for the moment does not accept it with favor.

The greatest requirement of "a word spoken in due season" is that the word should be suitable for the occasion. This has special bearing on the gospel of Jesus Christ. We should be on the lookout for suitable moments in sorrow, when a



"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver (silver baskets)," Proverbs 25:11.

person's heart is softened; during those times when the Holy Ghost is dealing with a soul; after mistakes have been made when people realize they have made mistakes or when doubts and fears have been expressed.

Why is a "word spoken in due season" good? The soil must be in the right condition, or the seed that is flung upon it will be wasted. It is foolish to cast bushels of wheat by the wayside, and it is foolish to "cast pearls before swine."

There is a time to speak, and there is a time to be quiet!

The condition the person is in to whom we talk will determine what words he will best receive. We do not give words of sympathy to one who is happy and cheerful. We do not give cheerful and happy words to someone who is in bereavement. We cannot speak wisely to people until we have learned to put ourselves in their place. To be able to talk to people and help them by using the right words is a great spiritual accomplishment.

Personal conversation is most fruitful. This was Christ's method with Nicodemus, the woman at the well, and others.

A "Good Word"

"A good word maketh it glad" (Proverbs 12:25). Sometimes the hearts of our brothers and sisters in Christ are bowed down with heaviness. They become depressed spiritually. What's the cure? The cure is a lot of "brotherly kindness" expressed in "good words." Christians could make the com-

munities in which they live, the places where they work, and the highways they travel "brighter and more glad," if they did what this Scripture says.

I have followed a certain policy ever since I have been in the ministry. It has worked wonders. I have always made it a point not to tell a person anything bad I hear about him. I keep that to myself or forget about it. But if I hear something good or complimentary about someone, I always make it a point to pass that compliment along. No good is accomplished by telling someone something unkind you heard someone say about him.

A "Pleasant Word"

The Bible also refers to a "pleasant word." "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24).

Pleasant words cost little, but they are worth a lot to the person who hears them. The gloom of some people has repelled the children and young people from serving Christ. Our children and young people need to see the "sunny side" of serving Christ.

We cannot frown people into the church. If we make the gospel of Christ attractive to sinners and to newborn babes in Christ by our pleasant and kind words, we are helping Christ in his mission to save lost souls. I have seen new converts discouraged at the very beginning of their Christian experience by the unpleasant and unkind words of Christians who have been serving God for a long time.

"Pleasant words" are found in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Christ preached so that "the common people heard him gladly." If He had been unkind they would not have listened. Men wondered at the "gracious words" that fell from His lips. The words of the gospel are pleasant; they tell of God's love; they portray Christ as the Saviour of lost mankind; they invite men and women to salvation—not drive them away!

In James 3:2 we read, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man." A rider cannot control the horse he is riding without a bit in the horse's mouth. Without a bridle on our tongues, none of us can steer our lives in the right direction. Moses, the meekest of men, was shut out of the promised land because he "spoke unadvisedly with his lips." The bridle on a horse is a very little thing—yet, the rider cannot get along without it. The rudder on a boat may be very small, but the rudder is what makes it possible for the captain to steer his vessel. A tiny spark may set a forest on fire. The tongue is a very little member; but if a person has victory over it, it will save his life.

Words have been spoken that have done irreparable damage to other people. I once knew a woman who would tell things about another person, and then she would always excuse herself by saying, "Well, it is the truth, and the truth never hurt anyone." But the truth about people does hurt and damage. What you say about a person may be true, but that does not mean what you say about them will not hurt their feelings or their influence with others.

May God help us to realize that once a word is spoken, it cannot be called back. May we strive to speak words that are

"fitly spoken"

"words spoken in due season"

"good words"

"pleasant words"

and may God help us not to offend in word. The best way to accomplish this is to keep His love and the Holy Ghost abiding in our hearts.

Texas Camp Meeting Report

By Robert Dawkins

LIKE EZEKIEL'S river, when he stood ankle deep and proceeded to swimming depth, each service in the Texas camp meeting seemed more submerged in God's Spirit than its antecedent. That it was a good camp meeting is an established fact. One could not judge this 1961 meeting by any in the past, because it was different from any of its predecessors.

A capitalized highlight of this spiritual convocation was the visit of the Reverend James A. Cross, general overseer. Fresh from his travels in the Far East, Brother Cross revealed startling information about world conditions. "God's Timepiece" and "What the Spirit Saith Unto the Churches" were the messages with which he, by God's anointing, ignited our souls. All agree that he has a well-earned reputation as "an Old-Fashioned Holiness Preacher."

We were also privileged to share the ministry of several good preachers from within and without the state. The Reverend A. G. Thompson, overseer of Oklahoma, shed light from the gospel on our path when he exhorted us on "What Price Must I Pay?" Everyone seemed to accept and welcome the warm and cordial personality of the Reverend W. M. Horton, overseer of New Mexico, and to share the views of his heart as he spoke on "Shaking Hands With God." Texas, which boasts of possessing the biggest and best of nearly everything, has no reason to step back when it comes to her preachers. Speaking forcibly from the Word were Texas pastors: L. L. Green, J. C. Atkins and M. G. Swart, and evangelist, Dale Rollins.

The Reverend Billy Sunday Myers, pastor of York, South Carolina, served as our camp evangelist and morning Bible teacher. The positive quality of Brother Myers' message urged hearts to worship God. His morning Bible lessons were based on "The Elements of Conversion." Such vital topics as the "Gospel," "Conviction," "Justification" and "Regeneration" were the spiritual food of which our diet consisted, and we flourished well on each one. The variety of evangelistic messages were equally interesting. Brother Myers thrilled our hearts when he said, "Christ actually took the fire of hell destined for you and me when He experienced the mental and physical

pains of Calvary." Then in his own unique way, he turned our shouts to laughter as he said, "We are the fruit that deodorizes this stinking world."

Thursday morning the Reverend Ray H. Hughes, President of Lee College, and FORWARD IN FAITH radio minister, delivered a burning message on "How to Have a Revival." The afternoon was devoted to our faithful helpers, the Willing Workers. Under the supervision of Mrs. P. H. McCarn, the service was a real blessing, and churches with excellent L.W.W.B.'s were given special recognition during the program. The devotional part of the service was presented by Mrs. Bill Williams of Brownfield. The program was entitled "A Child of the King."

Youth Day, guided by our state director, the Reverend Mac Symes, gave evidence of having been well planned. The hard work and forethought Brother Symes put into the day's activities paid off in good results. The Reverend Donald S. Aultman, Assistant National Sunday School and Youth Director, de-

livered an inspiring message in the morning and another at the enthusiastically attended Youth Banquet in the evening. The afternoon was devoted to the presentation of awards and the Lee College promotional films.

Sunday morning the Reverend L. H. Aultman, Executive Missions Secretary, shared his insight in Church of God missions with us. The response to this wonderful message was demonstrated when we broke all past mission offerings in Texas by worshipfully giving more than \$11,600.

The long hours and hard work of our state overseer, the Reverend P. H. McCarn, are not to be overlooked. Certainly, the Apostle Paul must have had men like him in mind when he penned the words, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11). From the 6:30 a.m. prayer service until the midnight hours, he diligently carried on for the Lord, being absent from no service. We are proud to have such a consecrated leader as he.

Florida Has Seven-Day Camp Meeting

By Donald K. Koon

FOR THE FIRST TIME in its history, the Florida Camp Meeting this year was only a seven-day meeting. In all previous years it has been ten days. This year's camp meeting, though shorter, was certainly one of the best in the history of the state.

Under the capable leadership of the state overseer, Houston R. Morehead, the meeting moved smoothly and rapidly under a very impressive spiritual atmosphere. Charles W. Conn, the Bible Teacher, stirred the minds and inspired the hearts of the hundreds who heard his dynamic messages on the "Mystery of Iniquity." James L. Slay, the evening speaker, seemed to reach out with his powerful evangelistic messages and gather in the lost.

The camp meeting reached a

great climax in the Sunday morning missions service as C. R. Spain, missions field representative, blessed the people with a most challenging message on missions. The missions offering, which was received immediately following his message, was one of the largest ever received in a Florida Camp Meeting.

In the Sunday afternoon service the huge congregation was deeply blessed by the ministry of our General Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. A. M. Phillips. The Sunday night service, the closing service of the meeting, was a blessed one; thousands were present, and hundreds were blessed of God. And so, Florida's first seven-day camp meeting was recorded on the pages of church history as a great spiritual feast, and one not to be soon forgotten.

IT WAS A beautiful evening in Denver, Colorado, on Thursday, June 22, 1961. Promptly at 7:30 p.m., the Church of God State Camp Meeting began. Many persons had been praying and fasting for this meeting, and their efforts were not in vain; because from the opening service to the closing amen, God graciously blessed.

Colorado was truly blessed in having the Reverend J. E. DeVore as camp evangelist. His messages were timely, inspiring, and truly anointed of God. Brother DeVore's messages were made dear to the hearts by his use of down-to-earth, everyday, living illustrations. Some of his topics were: "Divine Healing," "Andrew—Personal Witnessing," and "Jesus—Wonderful." To many, the most outstanding sermon was, "Gather Not My Soul With Sinners." Within this message heaven was made more real to the saints, and hell was robbed of souls as persons gave their hearts to Christ. Fifteen were saved, 10 sanctified, and 12 baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Our camp was greatly blessed by the Reverend H. D. Williams', Assistant General Overseer, being with us. His message on Friday made us more conscious than ever of Christ's love to us through His Church. Brother Williams again blessed our hearts by giving a progress report of our Church in general.

Colorado can truly rejoice in having outstanding ministers in the state. This was evidenced by the messages of the Reverend

COLORADO CAMP MEETING 1961

By Mrs. Bill Parson

James Oakley and the Reverend Raymond Hollar.

It was obvious that our State Overseer, the Reverend James R. Ray, had made great preparation for the camp meeting, and that throughout the meeting, he gave himself devotedly to promote the success of the camp. Brother Ray preached a wonderful message on Sunday morning concerning the work of the Church in and for missions.

On Saturday afternoon the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band, under the leadership of Sister Ray, state president, gave a very interesting program. The progress of the L.W.W.B. was also very good this year. The service was climaxed by an outstanding message from Sister Graves, pastor of the Cheyenne, Wyoming, Church.

Saturday night was youth night. Talent was evident as special singers sang to the glory of the Lord.

Special testimonies were given by different young people. The Sunday School award went to Pueblo and the Y.P.E. award to Denver. The progress report, given by Bill Parson, state youth director, showed a good increase in the Sunday School and Youth Department.

Denver, the host church, and their pastor, the Reverend W. J. Roberts, certainly demonstrated Christian warmth and fellowship. Many homes were opened to persons attending the camp meeting. The Denver L.W.W.B. made delicious meals available on a free-will basis.

Visitors to the Colorado Camp Meeting included the Reverend and Mrs. Duskin Keller and family from Boise, Idaho, and the Reverend Vessie D. Hargrave and family from San Antonio, Texas.

Our state missions offerings increased by one third over last year.

WHEN YOU TALK TO YOURSELF

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sea; I'd cross the burning desert . . . I'll be over tomorrow—if it doesn't rain." You were in love!

The heart that is full of the Spirit's abundance is also a heart in love. When we are filled with His presence, we are constantly learning new and wonderful things about Christ. "He," said Jesus, "shall testify of me." It is no wonder, then, that the heart of the spiritual man should experience a "singing and making melody . . . to the Lord." Because we are in love with Christ, we also think in terms of the magnificent, the large, and the beautiful.

It is as normal for the spiritual man to break forth into song as for the lad who falls in love. As

the Spirit whispers of the Son, our hearts and lips pour forth spiritual endearments. Jesus becomes "the Rose of Sharon," "the Lily of the Valley," "the Bright and Morning Star," and "the Fairest of Ten Thousand." He is called "Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God . . . the Prince of Peace." Filled with His Spirit, we become veritable bards of blessedness. We become Pentecostal poets.

Or do we?

Do our lives conform to this pattern? We may well ask, "Has our Pentecostal experience influenced us beyond our public worship? Has it touched our private prayers? Has it changed our conversational topic in the fellowship of the saints?" The message of our text seems clear: to live our days with-

out a divine difference in the words of our lips and in the song of our hearts would be tragic. It would, in fact, be to live as though we had not received the fullness of the Spirit.

Every heart will have its song. Poetry and philosophy that fill our hearts will find our lips. They will become the basis of our devotion and fellowship. Whether we speak to ourselves in meditation or among ourselves in conversation, our speech will tell of our hearts' abundance. What will our heart-song be? Will it be the riotous rhythm of worldly intoxication? Will it be the sensual song of selfish materialism? Or will it be the joyous melody of the Spirit? What is the subject when you talk to yourself?



Church of God Missions Department
L. H. Aultman, Executive Missions Secretary

And They Brought Him Flowers

By Bobbie Lauster

MISSIONARY, SAAR

THE BIG GOSPEL tent, which had been erected on the market square, stood in readiness for the first service.

Young people, who planned to go street-singing and invite people to the meeting, had been arriving for quite some time. They stood around under the tent waiting for the others.

From the direction of town a couple was approaching. These presented a wretched sight. Both man and woman staggered drunkenly and found it necessary to cling to each other in order to keep from falling. They kept coming toward the tent. Once inside, they sat down heavily on a bench and began to look listlessly and stupidly around. The woman's right eye was swollen and a crust of blood had formed there. How wounded and grieved my spirit was as I beheld those miserable wretches.

Shortly afterward, the man staggered out. The woman remained seated and staring. She understood nothing that was spoken to her. Soon she also left.

On the third night of the revival a man came to the tent and en-

tered. He walked right up to the front and sat down. He took active part in all that was done, but it soon became apparent that he also was drunk. When the altar call was given, he came forward. A powerful prayer was made for him. He then asked to speak with Brother Walter Lauster after the meeting.

To our amazement, at the close of the meeting, another drunk came in, and we recognized the man who had been in the tent on Sunday afternoon. The two are friends and they talked with us in their drunkenness. One smote himself and said, "Oh, that a loving God would send a heart attack right now and deliver me from living death." Once more I looked into those red, bleary eyes and felt deep grief for the wounded and crushed creation of God which stood before me.

The tent soon emptied and the people left the lot where the tent stood. Workers were closing up the tent for the night. Suddenly, behind us, we heard a harmonious song begin. There, standing on the empty lot, with night all around, the two drunks were holding on to

each other and singing to the top of their voices, "Where the Alpine Roses Bloom." Someone began to laugh—only it wasn't funny!

Brother Lauster told the two that he wanted them to come again the next night, but to come sober. To our utter surprise, they came, and they were sober. As the altar call was given, the one who had already been forward urged his friend, saying, "Jacob, you've got to go up there like I did." Jacob, a picture of abject misery, went haltingly forward.

The next night they returned. As Brother Lauster greeted them, one offered him a little crushed bunch of flowers. He took them to the platform and pushed them down into the earth of some potted plants. As he passed them once more, the other one drew out of his pocket another crushed little bouquet. Brother Lauster took it also to the platform and placed the flowers in the potted plants.

I saw the pitiful little bouquets. I saw the gladness in the two men's faces that their gifts had been accepted.

The two men attended the rest of the revival consistently, and were sober each night.

On the last night they came early, bearing a great bouquet of freshly gathered, exquisite garden flowers. These shone brightly from the platform.

The message was on the crucifixion, and it was a powerful and gripping one. As it was being delivered, the two men sat listening eagerly to each word. One cupped his hand over his ear to be able to catch every word.

As I looked at the two men, I remembered the first time I saw one of them. Then I looked down at the wonderfully beautiful flowers at my feet. So sweet they smelled, and so lovely to see. In my heart I knew that God had opened their eyes which had so long been blurred by drink and sin. Those flowers carried deep meaning for me, and I felt somehow that God had accepted their offering, and had lifted them to Alpine heights where heavenly roses bloom.

Hitching Your Star to a Wagon

By Hollis L. Green

An article on Vocational Guidance for Youth

(Continued from August 28 issue)

I. CHECK THE CONSTELLATIONS *architecture*

Are you a young man with talent, intelligence and stick-to-it-iveness? Would you like to have a sense of completeness in your work? Can you draw? Would you like to add to the world's store of beauty? Do you have a grasp of dimensions? Are you able to describe, in words and sketches, buildings you have seen? Do you have a feeling of what is appropriate? Are you good at mathematics and technical subjects? Can you work under pressure? Are you able to "sell" yourself to people? Would you like to be a combination of businessman, organizer, technician, planner, economist, sociologist, surveyor, landscaper, engineer and artist? Then you should be an architect.

art

Chloe S. Stewart, head of the art department, Pathway Press, states that "talent, creative ability and good intelligence are perhaps the most important qualifications for an artist." Do you have these qualities? Do you like to "doodle," draw or paint? Do you have manual dexterity? Can you make a straight line, a curve or a circle? Are you accurate? Do you enjoy detail? Do you have patience and persistence? Can you take directions and see

others' points of view? If so, you probably have talent worth training. You may enjoy a fascinating career as an artist.

business

An outstanding Christian businessman, J. C. Penny, wrote recently about young people entering business. He said, "It is necessary to be ambitious, energetic, trustworthy and honest (all this includes dependability and reliability). One should not be afraid of work." Are you at ease with people? Do you enjoy pleasing them? Do you have managerial abilities? Are you afraid of long hours? Are you able to make plans and attain goals without supervision? Do you have initiative and independence? How's your judgment and resourcefulness? Do you like to make decisions? Are you willing to take an occasional risk? Would you like to mind your own business? or someone else's? Then, try a career in business.

chemistry

Morris Shepherd, a Christian chemist with Proctor and Gamble, says a young person needs "a good memory, a mathematical interest, a desire to learn the basic functions of nature, a curiosity, a quality for exactness and well established study habits to enter the field of chemistry." Do you have

these? Are you a thinker, a dreamer of new things? Do you have above average intelligence? Would you like a lifetime of constant learning? Do you have courage and patience? Are you a doer, a "practical" person, who likes the thrill of actually making something? Do you like to apply your knowledge to problems? Why not try a career in chemistry?

education

The late Dr. William F. Russel, an outstanding educator, said "Teaching is the most challenging, exciting, rewarding career a young person can choose, and its satisfactions are many." Are you interested? Do you like to study? Do you have good health and strong nerves? Are you adaptable? Do you have a sense of fairness? Can you be friendly yet firm? Do you have kindness, sympathy, a sense of humor and a well-adjusted personality? Do you have a sincere belief in the value of knowledge and a genuine desire to share it with others? Do you have ability to stimulate the desire to learn in others? Do you have patience and tolerance? If you have these qualities, you may plan for a career in teaching, or in the broader field of education.

To be continued

MEET OUR YOUTH

Ramon Leonard Carroll, Jr.

LENOIR CITY, TENNESSEE



Ramon is a pre-medical student at the University of Tennessee. He graduated from Lenoir City High School, Lenoir City, Tennessee, in 1960. He served as vice president and president of the student council, and was an honor student throughout high school. He won a trophy for most outstanding junior, won the dramatic readings and poetry contests, was elected as

Boys' State representative, and served as vice president of the Beta Club and Literary Club in high school. He is on the Dean's List at U.T.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Leonard Carroll are his parents and pastor the Lenoir City Church of God. Ramon served as youth pastor during National Youth Week, sings in a young men's trio which appears on television, is an usher, assistant Sunday School teacher, and a group leader in Y.P.E. He was born in Greenville, South Carolina, December 27, 1942, and was saved at the age of four.

His singular goal is to live a dedicated life for Jesus Christ and to serve God and man as a medical doctor. To Ramon, being a Christian means, "that I am entitled to Eternal Life with my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and have an assuring peace and joy that the world does not offer."

Ramon's hobbies are collecting U.S. coins, reading and stamp collecting.

Favorite Bible text: Psalm 19:14.

Biography

THE JACK WYRTZEN STORY

By George Sweeting

This is the personal story of the man, his message and his ministry. Rugged, tireless, fearless, gentle, humble, and kind—this is Jack Wyrzten. Driven by a deep conviction of the truth of the gospel, he has, day after day, night after night, pleaded with thousands to be reconciled to God. Jack Wyrzten might well be termed a modern Gideon, or Elijah, for God has signally honored the warm faith of this humble Christian.

Price, \$2.50

Christian Psychology

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

By A. Donald Bell

How to Get Along With People in the Church provides the inquirer with a practical approach to many of the missing problems of harmonious association with others.

The book is filled with sound advice and worthy admonition. The writer puts his finger on some human faults and points to some of the virtues one would do well to acquire. These faults are found inside and outside the ministry, but the author's approach makes this a book for Christian workers who want help in gaining essential knowledge and tact in an era too often neglected.

Price, \$2.50

Practical Living

BOUNDLESS HORIZONS

By O. G. Wilson

"He who feeds the sparrow will not starve the saint."

"He who scatters sunshine will have light and warmth and cheer, even when his own sun is set."

Using such proverb-like statements, the author drives home unforgettable truths in this book on practical Christian living.

Chapters include:

God With Us	Days of Trouble
Paths of Peace	Day by Day
Consider Jesus Christ	This Is the Victory

Price, \$2.00

STOP EXISTING AND START LIVING

By Merrill F. Unger

Too often we are content to exist on the level of the world around us and in us. In this book we are shown what it means to live on the Christian level with the life that Jesus came to give.

Price, \$2.50

Fiction

THE HEART'S HIGHEST HURDLE

By Dorothy C. Haskin

It is stimulating to read how Knox Taylor fought the disappointment of an unsympathetic wife who seemed jealous of God's place in his life, the displeasure of his father, the tongue-lashings of his mother-in-law, and the trials in carrying on a faith work. In the end, it is the "champ" who wins again, because he has put himself on God's team in the race of life.

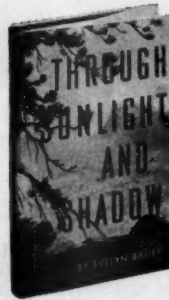
Price, \$2.50

Recreation

ABINGDON PARTY PARADE

An anthology of 27 completely planned "different" parties that are easy to give with helpful instructions for making favors and preparing refreshments. Illustrated.

Price, \$1.95



FOR ONE MOMENT

By Christmas Carol Kauffman

For One Moment by Christmas Carol Kauffman is a tender, heart-gripping biographical story which you will surely want to read. It is a story of many boys and girls who live even now in our own country. The story is seen in this novel in the life of Herbe, the main character. His life is an example of countless children who have had their dreams shattered and of young people who have suffered the pains of unguided and misguided adolescence.

Price, \$3.25

Teen-agers

TEEN-AGERS' TRAIL GUIDE

By Floyd D. Carey, Jr.

This booklet offers the teen-ager assistance and practical advice on how to meet successfully the emergencies that are ever present on the very disturbing and dangerous trail of teenage. Positive guidance on all-important, teen-age subjects is discussed in a refreshing and flowing style. A complete commentary of helps and suggestions for young people is contained, in an understandable language, in this book.

Price, \$1.00

Bible Story Book

MY PICTURE STORY BIBLE

By Dena Korfker

This brand new big book of Bible stories skillfully blends picture and story to arouse the child's interest in, and love for, the Word of God. **My Picture Story Bible** is loaded with "built-in" features: lively full-color jacket with beautiful four-color pictorial map end-sheets. 24 illustrations in exciting full-color and numerous black-and-white pictures—each placed properly with the story. 270 Just-the-right length stories (none more than two pages)—begins with the Creation story in Genesis and concludes with The Revelation. Simply written for the child's understanding, **My Picture Story Bible** draws 161 stories from the Old Testament and 109 from the New. Review questions at the child's level follow each story. 512 pages of large, easy-to-read print. **A book children everywhere will love—and parents will buy, only \$3.95.**

Biographical Novel

TEMPEST OVER SCOTLAND

By Norman E. Nygaard

Tempest Over Scotland presents a few of the dramatic years of the Reformation. During these years lived, the great scholar and reformist, John Knox.

John Knox was trained in a monastery to become a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, but seeing that the Church was corrupt, he joined with others including Martin Luther and John Calvin to bring about ecclesiastical reform.

Tempest Over Scotland is an exciting novel. It is thrilling and heart warming to read how men of John Knox's calibre sacrificed and preached to show the world a new way of life.

Price, \$2.50

Missionary

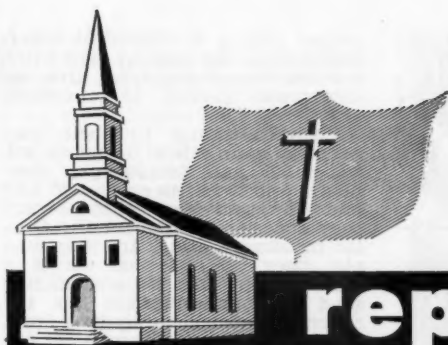
THROUGH SUNLIGHT AND SHADOW

By Evelyn Bauer

This is a personal experience story of Evelyn Bauer, whose young active missionary service came to an abrupt and unexpected end.

Mrs. Bauer's story is undergirded with an awareness of God's love. Although God's leading through sunlight and shadow is hard to explain, it is presented as an experienced fact. "Life is like an elaborate smorgasbord," she says, "no one can partake of all its dishes." Even though one may have only a few of the good things of life, he can make what he has a priceless possession.

Price, \$2.



reports

Lancaster Wishes Godspeed to Their Pastor Who Plans to Evangelize

LANCASTER, Ohio—On July 16, 1961, the members and friends of the Lancaster Church of God bade farewell and God's blessings to Rev. Robert F. Johnson, his devoted wife, Marie, and their lovely daughter, Debbie. Brother Johnson and his family are leaving to answer God's call to the evangelistic field. Being devoted Christians, they know that only in laboring for God and being in His divine will, will they know the real peace of God.

Brother Johnson has pastored the Lancaster Church since February, 1957. During that time our church has grown in every way. Many souls have been saved and blessed under the ministry and real Christian influence of both Brother Johnson and his wife. Our church has been remodeled and redecorated, the Sunday School has grown both in attendance and offerings. On Easter Sunday of this year, the record attendance of 260 set by the former pastor, was broken with the new record of 309. In 1960 we surpassed our mission goal with \$500 over, which was sent to Umtali, Africa, to begin a new church. This year, we sent \$1,100 to Umtali to complete the church. Yes, God has been richly blessing at the Lancaster Church.

Speaking for all the many friends of Brother and Sister Johnson who know and love them, we pray that many souls will be saved and blessed under their ministry and that God will bless them always.

—Reporter

New Church at Moss Point

MOSS POINT, Miss.—The Moss Point Church of God was founded September 4, 1960, under the leadership of Rev. G. L. Phillips. Services were held in a rented Baptist Church. The first Sunday there were 19 people present and the church continued to grow. There have been 23 saved, 23 sanctified, and 25 filled with the Holy Ghost.

People here in the Moss Point Church started praying that God would make a way for them to buy the church, and God answered their prayer. General Headquarters gave \$3,000 and the State gave \$1,000. The church was bought for \$10,000. The property included a parsonage and two lots behind the church. This is a church that every Church of God member and every friend of the church can be proud of.

Our wonderful district pastor worked hard and prayed many

hours for this church, and we appreciate Rev. R. A. Balias who did such a good job of promoting it. We also appreciate each State Board member for giving us a helping hand; and thank Brother John D. Smith for coming down and helping us get the money to make the down payment. We appreciate Brother Matthews and every pastor on the Gulf Coast District who helped get the church on its feet.

Friends, this is a wonderful report, but I want you to notice how God is blessing spiritually. Since the founding of the church, there have been 23 saved, 23 sanctified, 25 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 24 baptized in water. We give God the praise and the glory for all these things, and we thank Him for the wonderful pastor and his family for making a sacrifice to get a church here in Moss Point. We want to thank each and every member who has worked and is still working for the church here in Moss Point.

Rev. John D. Smith set the church in order on July 2, 1961, with 21 charter members, and our record attendance was 44.

—Reporter

Pastor Retires



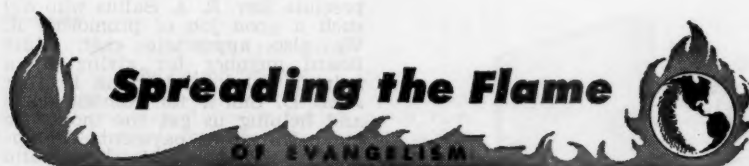
LOXLEY, Ala. — The Loxley Church of God regrets to report the retirement of its faithful pastor, the Reverend Albert L. Reed. Brother Reed has been with the Loxley Church for the past fifteen years, during which time the church has grown from 22 to 91 in membership.

We are pleased to report that under Brother Reed's leadership, we now have a lovely, new brick church. We are grateful to God for the leadership of this truly great spiritual pastor and his wife, and sincerely regret that failing health has forced him to retire. Brother Reed and his family are making their new home in Tampa, Florida.

The Loxley Y.P.E. gave Sister Reed a surprise shower at the home of the youth director, Sister Doris Powell. The night before Brother and Sister Reed left for Florida, the entire church met for a social hour and linen shower. We hope the love offering we gave them will in some way express the deep love and appreciation we have for them.

We are looking forward to continued spiritual progress under the direction of our new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor. Brother and Sister Taylor and their three sons come to us from St. Petersburg, Florida, where Brother Taylor has been pastoring.

—Mrs. Steve Powell, reporter



National Evangelism Committee, Ralph E. Williams, Chairman

Refugee Center Opened in Miami

By O'Neil McCullough

I WISH TO bring you up to date concerning the work of the "Casa del Buen Samaritano" (Church of God Refugee Center) here in Miami. It is my sincere hope that you will find this information interesting.

The Center has three principal purposes: (1) To render necessary aid to those awaiting Federal Aid or to those needing direct assistance otherwise, (2) To create good will and to present true Christianity in action, (3) To establish a Spanish-speaking church in Miami for the Church of God.

When refugees arrive in Miami, they are almost penniless. The Cuban government will allow them to bring only a few dollars and a suitcase of clothes with them. A fortunate few managed to get some money out of the country when the trouble began. The great majority have been left destitute, facing the necessity of beginning a new life. The United States government has appropriated some funds to assist these needy people; nevertheless, the red tape is considerable and the wait often long before this help arrives.

This is where the Center comes in. We attempt to help tide these people over until other help is available. We rejoice with them when the Federal check comes or when they get a job. This work is blessed—and at times, heart-rending. Let me give you an example: Senora S. . . . has herself and six children to support. They live in an upstairs apartment which normally would be adequate for two persons. It is poorly furnished with a bed and a small two-burner stove. The children obviously must sleep on the floor. Her husband was on

the front lines in the recent ill-fated invasion and is probably now imprisoned or worse. Senora S. . . . had to wait almost four weeks for her Federal check. Food from the Center kept this family from going to bed hungry. There have been many more cases, different in many respects, but all similar in that all these people needed help.

We have a standard package that we give to these people. It consists of approximately twelve items which are varied weekly. Here are the contents of a sample package:

- Fresh Vegetables
- Beans (Red and Black)
- Rice
- Meat (Canned)
- Sugar
- Salt
- Milk (Canned)
- Coffee (La Estrella or Riona)
- Cooking Oil (1 pint)
- Soap
- Washing Powders
- Toilet Tissue

This will feed a family of four for three days. And the people are really glad to get it. When you are hungry, this looks like a banquet! We get a real blessing out of helping these needy people. They are so grateful. Yet, there are times when our hearts are burdened when we must say, "No more today." And they reply, "But, Mister, please, what'll I do?"

The standard package costs only \$2.50. We are able to buy at cost from wholesalers in Miami. Five dollars (\$5.00) will feed a family of three for a week. The freewill contributions from friends, pastors and churches throughout Florida have paid for these packages. I know God shall richly bless each one who has had a part. It is my

prayer that a multitude of others throughout the country will catch the burden of supplying this indispensable service of immediate aid.

Upon returning to their own country again, these refugees will remember and treasure in their hearts and lives the essence of love and Christian brotherhood which they experienced here at the Center in Miami. These are fine people; they do not soon forget a kindness. In them we are building good will and prestige for the church which will surely bear fruit. I believe God has given us an opportunity to reach a class of people which we have never before been able to reach in Cuba. We are having good immediate results; the great harvest is to follow.

The need for a Spanish-speaking Church of God in Miami is vital. There are nearly one million residents in the Miami area. One out of every five people here speak Spanish. This is an area which we have woefully neglected in the past. We can no longer pass up this tremendous challenge to spread the Gospel of Christ to these people. Starting just a few weeks ago with only two Spanish-speaking Christians, we are seeing the church begin to form and grow. To God be the praise for the increase.

Here are a few statistics concerning the Center for the first three months operation.

- Food distribution—8,500 lbs. to 553 families
- Garments distributed—3,000 to 234 families
- Pieces of mail announcing services—1,100
- Tracts, Gospel portions, New Testaments, and Bibles given to those indicating interest

At this writing, new registration has been closed at 400 families. Many must be turned away each day. With your help we would receive all who come for aid in their hour of distress.

The costs of beginning this work have been shared equally by the State of Florida, the Missions Department and General Headquarters. Registration of the Center is: **SPONSORED BY THE CHURCH OF GOD, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE.** This has been a great beginning. Now we need additional help to expand the work and to reap the harvest which we have sown. Therefore, we are making an appeal throughout the entire Church of God for donations to continue this work.

Remember, we have many families to help, and it costs \$5.00 a week for each one, therefore, we are asking for your prayers so that we may be able to continue this work.

From Alabama:

I am a ministerial student and listen to your program each Sunday. I enjoy it very much. Oh, that we had more men like you to proclaim the gospel throughout America and the whole world. If each church had men giving out the Word in spirit and truth as you do, I really believe we would see a revival. In fact, I don't believe people would have ever gotten so far from God. The sermon you preached last Sunday was wonderful and very timely. Please send me a copy. I am enclosing an offering. We are praying for you.

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From Missouri:

I heard a wonderful message on our radio Sunday morning, February 5, on the subject, "Reasons for Juvenile Delinquency." I have been a teacher for 38 years, dealing with high school boys in shop work, and I can fully appreciate the truth of the statements given in that message. It certainly was a timely one. Please send me a copy of that message.

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From Tennessee:

Please send me your message, "Backslider, Come Home." I am a backslider and have been for a year and a half. I cannot feel the Spirit of God around me whatsoever. I am in dire need of prayer. I do hope your message will help me.

There was a man from the Church of God who was thinking of starting a church here, but we haven't seen anything of him recently. Pray that he will come back and that a church will be started here.

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From Florida:

I am sending you a few lines of thanksgiving for your efforts in behalf of lost souls, that they may receive the full gospel, know the truth, and be set free. I enjoy every one of your broadcasts and tell others about it. I am standing with you and the staff in prayer for a greater outreach. May many souls be won to God.

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From Michigan:

I listened to your program from CKLW in Detroit for the first time and enjoyed it very much. I have been a Christian for ten years, but I was drifting from God and just couldn't seem to help it. My husband is not a Christian and he will not allow me to attend church. This past week I kept feeling that if God should soon send His Son

TRIPLETT



HUGHES

I Listen to "Forward in Faith"

Here are a few letters from those we receive each week concerning the national radio broadcast, "Forward in Faith." We are gratified to know that the broadcast is being heard in so many places.

Are you a regular listener to "Forward in Faith"? Listen each week to the station nearest you. We would also like to receive your letters and comments.

FORWARD IN FAITH
P. O. Box A
Cleveland, Tenn.

back to earth, I wouldn't be ready. Tonight I fell asleep while listening to the radio, but when your program came on the air, I suddenly awoke. When you read your text, something told me to get down on my knees and pray. As you spoke, I prayed and each word you spoke seemed directed to me. Please send me a copy of tonight's sermon, so that whenever I am in doubt, I can read it and pray to God and know that my prayers will be answered. My prayers go with you that you may help others as you have helped me.

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From Texas:

I heard your wonderful sermon today. I once was close to God, but I failed Him by yielding to temptation. I thought that since I was weak enough to fail Him, I was unworthy and would not try again. I was so lonely without Christ that I just couldn't go on. Then I heard you speak the words, "Take hold of God's promises anew." I decided to do just that.

I talked it over with Him and am going to live a different life. Please pray for me and send me literature which would help me.

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From New Jersey:

We listen to Station WDWL, Vineland, New Jersey. Keep up your fine religious work. I plan to attend the Church of God, Millville, after listening to your program.

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From Ohio:

I listen to "Forward in Faith" each week on Station CKLW, Detroit. I enjoy it very much. In fact, we tape it and listen to it throughout the week until we tape the next program. We play it to others and they enjoy it also.

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From Massachusetts:

I have heard your program over my short-wave radio and I certainly enjoyed it. Kindly send me your schedule of programs and other literature you have.

Christmas CARDS



Be a "spreader" of Glad Tidings and Good Cheer this year by selling Christmas cards. Here's a plan to help PUBLISH THE WORD, RAISE CHURCH FUNDS and SUPPORT THE CHURCH OF GOD HOME FOR CHILDREN . . .

- 1 CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE AN EXCELLENT FUND-RAISING PROJECT**
Affords a big margin of profit up to 110% on cost. You keep all of this for your church.
Has tremendous market. Almost every home will need one or more boxes.
Extra selling feature. Tell customer, "When you buy these cards you help support Home for Children as well as local church."
The retail price of \$1.00-\$1.25 is a popular price for a resale item. No sales training necessary. Every young person and adult can sell Christmas cards.
- 2 CHRISTMAS CARDS HELP "PUBLISH THE WORD"**
Each Christmas card you sell will present a direct message from the Bible in scripture-text form.
Persons who do not go to church, who do not read the Bible, and who have little interest in God will see God's message in the scripture-text cards you offer.
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